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Title: INJECTION-MOLDED WATER SOLUBLE CONTAINER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005 (Paper No. 06272005) in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed by September 1, 2005, in view of the submission of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and the associated fee.

The Examiner has made an election of species requirement between (i) claims 1-6 directed to a capsule container for delivering an ingredient selected from a fabric care, surface care, or dishwashing composition and (ii) claims 7-39 directed to a capsule container for delivering an ingredient other than a fabric care, surface care, or dishwashing composition. The Examiner states that currently claim 1 is considered to be generic.

Provisional Election

While not necessarily agreeing with the Examiner's requirement, applicants provisionally elect grouping (i), claims 1-6, with traverse. Applicants traverse the rejection since the Examiner acknowledges that claim 1 is generic and the Examiner has not stated a basis for patentably distinct species, among other reasons. An early examination and allowance of claims 1-39 is respectfully requested.

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Reply to Office Action of July 1, 2005

The Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 30, 2003 and the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 12, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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